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1. At 1830 hours on 12 May 1954, two Soviet cruisers and eleven destroyers were observed at N 69-40, E 34-15 in the Barents Sea. The vessels came from the east and headed for the Kola Inlet. 25X1
2. The two cruisers proceeded in parallel formation with the destroyers following in three lines to the rear. The vessels traveled on a zigzag course, and flares were used during the exercise. No other incidents of significance occurred during the time the formation was observed. 25X1
3. On the same occasion, four aircraft were observed. The first aircraft was a seaplane, and the second was a twin-engined aircraft which resembled a Pe-2. The other two aircraft were jet fighters, which were believed to be MIG-15s or La-17s (sic). 25X1

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